

CLAIMS

1. Eyewear comprising:
 - a lens having opposite lateral sides; and
 - a pair of detachable ear stems mounted at said opposite lateral sides of said lens and being adapted to move from an inwardly folded position to an outwardly ear contacting position, said lens displaying, at each said lateral side, an opening and a stem connecting portion located adjacent said opening and defining a hinge element forming an integral part of said lens, each said ear stem having an ear contacting distal end portion and a lens engaging proximal end portion, said proximal end portion defining a U-shaped recess engageable with said hinge element, said recess displaying a constricted entry and being formed of resilient material to thereby enable a snap-in engagement and a snap-out disengagement, said hinge element and said opening allowing said proximal and of said ear stem to move from said folded position to and from said outwardly ear contacting position.
2. Eyewear as defined in claim 1, further comprising means for limiting outward movement of said ear stem to said ear contacting position.
3. Eyewear as defined in claim 2, wherein said U-shaped recess is defined by a pair of branches, one of said branches being longer than the other; said limiting means consisting of said longer branch contacting said lens.
4. Eyewear as defined in claim 3, wherein said longer branch comprises a protuberance on an inner face thereof; said lens including, adjacent said opening remote from said hinge element, a second opening to receive said protuberance on said longer branch therein.
5. Eyewear as defined in claim 1, wherein said hinge element has a generally cylindrical shape including a longitudinal projection on its outer wall to thereby provide restrictive movement of said ear stem during movement between said folded position and said outwardly extending position.

6. Eyewear as defined in claim 1, wherein a portion of said shorter branch extends in said opening when said ear stem is in said inwardly folded position.

7. Eyewear as defined by claim 1, wherein the lens is an arcuate lens.

8. Eyewear as defined by claim 1, wherein the lens is a unitary lens.

9. Eyewear comprising a lens having opposite lateral sides and a pair of detachable ear stems mounted at said opposite lateral sides of said lens and being adapted to move from an inwardly folded position to an outwardly ear contacting position; said lens displaying, at each said lateral side, an opening and a stem
5 connecting portion located adjacent said opening and defining a hinge element forming an integral part of said lens; each said ear stem having an ear contacting distal end portion and a lens engaging proximal end portion; said proximal end portion defining a recess engageable with said hinge element; said recess displaying a constricted entry and being formed of resilient material to thereby enable a snap-in engagement and a
10 snap-out disengagement; said hinge element and said opening allowing said proximal and of said ear stem to move from said folded position to and from said outwardly ear contacting position.